

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert the third substitute Sequence Listing submitted herewith. The undersigned hereby states that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the third substitute Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same. The undersigned further states that the third substitute Sequence Listing contains no new matter. Applicants respectfully request that the third substitute Sequence Listing be entered into the specification and file history of this application.

Claims 29-32, 60, 61, 99-105, 107-110, 112-126, 128-136, 138, 139, 141-146 and 152-169 are pending. Claims 29-32, 60, 61, 99-105, 107-110, 112-126, 128-136, 138, 139, 141-146 and 152-155 and 158-169 are allowed.

Claims 156 and 157 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion to clarify that the "protein" recited in line 4 of both claims 156 and 157 is "the vertebrate Delta protein."

No new matter is added by these amendments to the specification and claims.

1. Sequence Listing

The Examiner objects to the second substitute Sequence Listing because feature <213> of SEQ ID NO:95 reciting "Homo sapiens" is inconsistent with the amended specification identifying the sequence as chicken C-Delta-1. In response, Applicants have submitted herewith a third substitute Sequence Listing, wherein feature <213> of SEQ ID NO:95 has been amended to recite "Gallus gallus."

2. Objections to Claims 156 and 157

Claims 156 and 157 are objected to. According to the Examiner, for clarity, in the fourth line of each claim, "the" should be "said," or the term "vertebrate Delta" should be

added after "the."

In response, Applicants have amended claims 156 and 157 to add the term "vertebrate Delta" after "the", as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to claims 156 and 157 has been obviated.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made amendments and remarks of the present response be entered and made of record in the file history present application.

Applicants request that the Examiner call Adriane M. Antler at (212) 326-3630 if any questions or issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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